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1. SUMMARY: LABATT REVIEWED TALKING POINTS IN DETAIL WITH LABOR
UNDER SECRETARY VASCO COSTA, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE CHILEAN DELEGATION

TO ILO. COSTA STATED THAT CHILE AGREE IN PRINCIPLE WITH
ALL POINTS MADE AND WELCOMED THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS
ON THE ILO. IN THIS SPIRIT HE PROMISED TO GIVE US AN INFORMAL
NOTE PRESENTING CHILE'S VIEWS ON EACH OF THE POINTS DISCUSSED.
COSTA ASKED SPECIFICALLY FOR AN APPOINTMENT WITH DANIEL HOROWITZ
WEEK OF MAY 23. CHILEAN DELEGATION TO ILO IS REPORTED. END SUMMARY.

2. LABOR ATTACHE MAY 12 MET WITH VICE MINISTER OF LABOR COSTA
AND FRANCISCO FOLCH, MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION AND LABOR
MINISTER'S CHIEF OF STAFF. A DETAILED DISCUSSION OF TALKING
POINTS WAS MADE. COSTA WELCOMED THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS
ILO AND STATED THAT THE CHILEAN DELEGATION AGREED IN PRIN-
CIPLE WITH ALL THE POINTS MADE. HOWEVER, COSTA SHOWED SOME
SURPRISE ABOUT OUR POSITION CONCERNING STRUCTURES AND ASKED
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IF THE U.S. WOULD THEREFORE OPPOSE REGIONALIZATION FOR THE
ILO. THE LABATT REPLIED THAT OUR POSITION IS THAT THE
ISSUE OF INCREASED VOTING STRENGTH FOR THE LDCA HAS BECOME
VERY EMOTIONAL. THE U.S. WISHED SIMPLY TO DEFER CONSIDERATION
AT THIS TIME. FOLCH ASKED IF THE U.S. WAS NOT CONDITIONING
ITS CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE ILO ON THE
SUCCESSFUL RESOLUTION OF ALL THESE ISSUES. THE LABATT

RESPONDED THAT THE U.S. WISHED TO REORIENTT THE ILO TOWARDS PRESERVING ITS FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES. HE STRESSED THAT THE USG WAS NOT ASKING FOR CHILEAN SUPPORT FOR THESE POSITIONS BUT BELIEVED IT TO BE ALSO IN THE CHILEAN NATIONAL INTEREST THAT THE ILO RETURN TO ITS FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES. THE U.S. BELIEVES STRONGLY THAT A MAJORITY SUPPORT FOR THESE KEY ISSUES WOULD SERVE TO MOVE THE ILO IN THAT DIRECTION. COSTA AGREED FULLY AND NOTED THAT CHILE HAD IN THE PAST SPOKEN OUT ALONG THESE LINES.

3. COSTA ASKED TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER FURTHER WITH DANIEL HOROWITZ, CHIRMAN OF THE U.S. DELEGATION. COSTA PLANS TO LEAVE CHILE MAY 20, AND WOULD LIKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH HOROWITZ DURING THE WEEK OF MAY 23.

4. THE CHILEAN DELEGATION TO THE ILO CONFERENCE IS AS FOLLOWS:

GOVERNMENT DELEGATION:

VASCO COSTA RAMIREZ, CHAIRMAN
MANUEL TRUCCO, GOVERNMENT DELEGATE (PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO GENEVA)
LUIS WINTER, ADVISOR, CHILEAN MISSION TO GENEVA
JAIME LAZO, ADVISOR, CHILEAN MISSION TO GENEVA
FRANCISCO JOSE FOLCH, ADVISOR, CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE MINISTER OF LABOR
PEDRO BARROS, SECRETARY, CHILEAN MISSION TO GENEVA

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WORKER DDLEGATION:

GUILLERMO MEDINA, COUNSELOR OF STATE AND REGIONAL
PRESIDENT OF COPPER WORKERS OF EL TENIENTE MINING COMPANY
BERNARDINO CASTILLO, PRESIDENT OF COPPER WORKERS CONFEDERATION

HERNOL FLORES, PJRESIDENT POST AND TELEGRAPH WORKERS

WASHINGTON SEPULVEDA, PRSESIDENT PUBLIC HEALTH WORKERS

RAUL ORREGO, PRESIDENT OF GOVERNMENT SPONSORED "FRENTE LABORAL" AND PRESIDENT OF SMALL FARM WORKERS ORGANIZATION

JOSE DOMINGUES, PRESIDENT OF PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES IN COAL MINING SECTOR

CARLOS ORTEGA, PRESIDENT OF BANK WORKERS CONFEDERATION

PEDRO BRICENO, PRESIDENT OF A STEEL WORKERS UNION IN CONCEPTION

EMPLOYER DELEGATES:

PATRICIO VALDES, DELEGATE, MANAGE OF THE MANUFACTURERS
ASSOCIATION (SOFOFA)

RAUL GARCIA, TECHNICAL ADVISOR, LEGAL ADVISOR TO CHILEAN
BUILDERS ASSOCIATION

GUILLERMO ARTHUR, TECHNICAL ADVISOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR
CHILEAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

4. COMMENT: COSTA TOOK THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REITERATE
CHILE'S POSITION AGAINST POLITICAL RESOLUTIONS IN THE ILO.
HE EXPECTS HIS DELEGATION TO SUPPORT U.S. INITIATIVES ON THE
ISRAELI RESOLUTION, ARTICLE 17 AND EQUAL APPLICATION OF
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CONVENTIONS. HOWEVER, FINAL DECISION ON THESE MATTERS WILL
BE MADE THIS WEEK BY THE MINISTER OF LABOR. HE WILL CABLE
CHILEAN POSITION AS SOON AS IT IS KNOWN.
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